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Statues of Abraham Lincoln

George E. Ganiere
Webster City, Iowa

Excerpts from newspapers and other
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THE GROVES MEMORIAL.

The Alexander Groves Memorial to the memory of his son, Harry, which will be unveiled about February 1st at Webster City, Iowa, is a bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln, 7 feet 4 inches high. It is the gift of Mr. Groves to the city high school. The sculptor, George E. Ganiere, of Chicago, has succeeded in producing a fine likeness, a strongly characteristic pose and an altogether well-balanced composition. Simplicity and dignity is the key-note here. The figure stands firmly and the face shows deep thought and concentration. Under the left hand which rests on a post is a scroll, which contains the latter part of his famous second inaugural address, beginning with the words, "With malice towards none, with charity for all." Mr. Ganiere is known at the Midway Studios as the "Lincoln man," having modeled at least a half dozen, completing three within the last year, two of which were full-length statues.



THE GROVES MEMORIAL AT WEBSTER CITY,
IOWA.

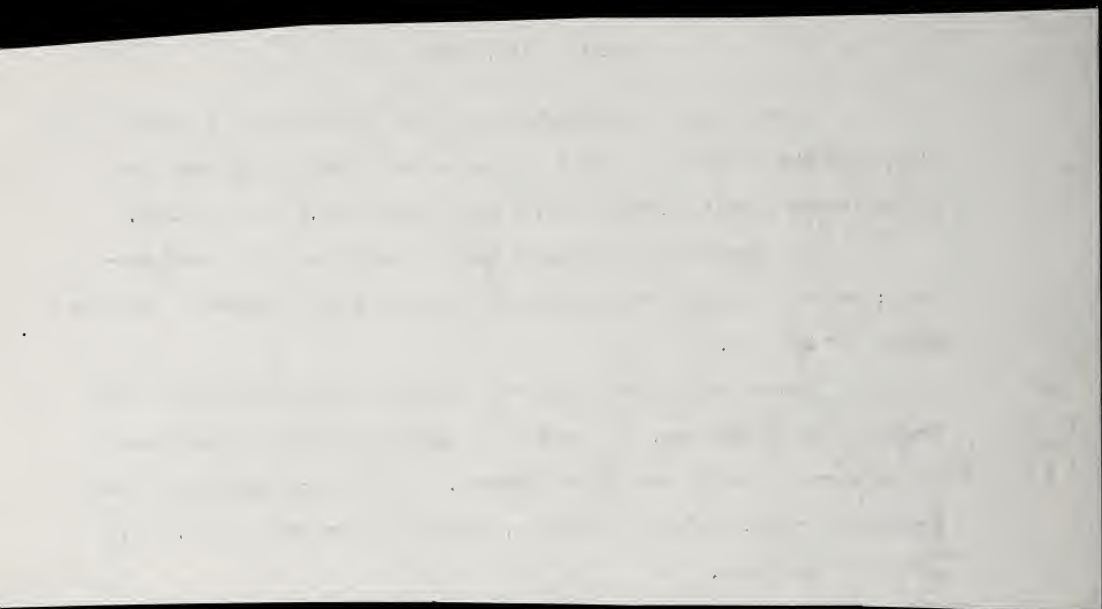


Webster City, Iowa

In the hand of the Lincoln that stands in front of the Webster City, Iowa high school is a scroll upon which the classic words from his second inaugural address, "With malice toward none, etc." are inscribed.

The figure of the president leans slightly against a small pedestal; the clothes one always associates with him drape the somewhat drooping solemn looking form.

This statue is seven feet four inches in height and stands on a verde-antique marble base. The work was a gift to the school from Alexander Groves in memory of his son, Harry A Groves. The sculptor chosen to do the work was George E. Ganiere, of Chicago, a man of recognized ability. This Lincoln is beardless.





IN MEMORY OF
HARRY GROVES
GRADUATED WITH CLASS OF 1895
DIED MARCH 4, 1909
PRESENTED TO THE
LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL
BY HIS FATHER
ALEXANDER GROVES
1915

James
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Quercus, Webster City, Iowa



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
FEBRUARY 15, 1895
OCTOBER 11, 1972
DIRECTOR OF THE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1935-1972

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No. 18a. THE ORATOR (SECOND INAUG-
URAL) BY GEORGE E. GANIERE



LINCOLN BRONZE TO WEBSTER CITY HIGH

Alexander Groves Gives Ga- niere Heroic Statue.

1913

WEBSTER CITY, Ia., Feb. 15.—Special: Alexander Groves, a prominent farmer and stock raiser, has given an heroic statue of Abraham Lincoln to the Webster City High school. The statue is of bronze and is given by Mr. Groves as a memorial to his son, Harry, a graduate of the Webster City schools, who died a few years ago.

The statue is 7 feet and 4 inches tall. It is the work of George E. Ganlere, instructor in the Art institute in Chicago. It is from an original design, the face and hands being made from original life masks. The statue has been placed in the assembly room of the new high school building, now nearing completion. It is proposed to dedicate this new building and unveil the Lincoln statue the first week in April. Governor Clarke has been invited.



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WEBSTER CITY, IOWA

July 15, 1930

Miss Ethel Henneford,
Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

My dear Miss Henneford -

Please pardon our delay in answering your letter of inquiry about the Lincoln statue here. Our Librarian died very suddenly in May, and we are just catching up with things. By same mail we are sending you a small booklet which will answer more of your questions than we can, and which gives the only available picture we know of, of the statue. It now stand out in front of the High School Building, and is not only liked, but loved, by the townspeople.

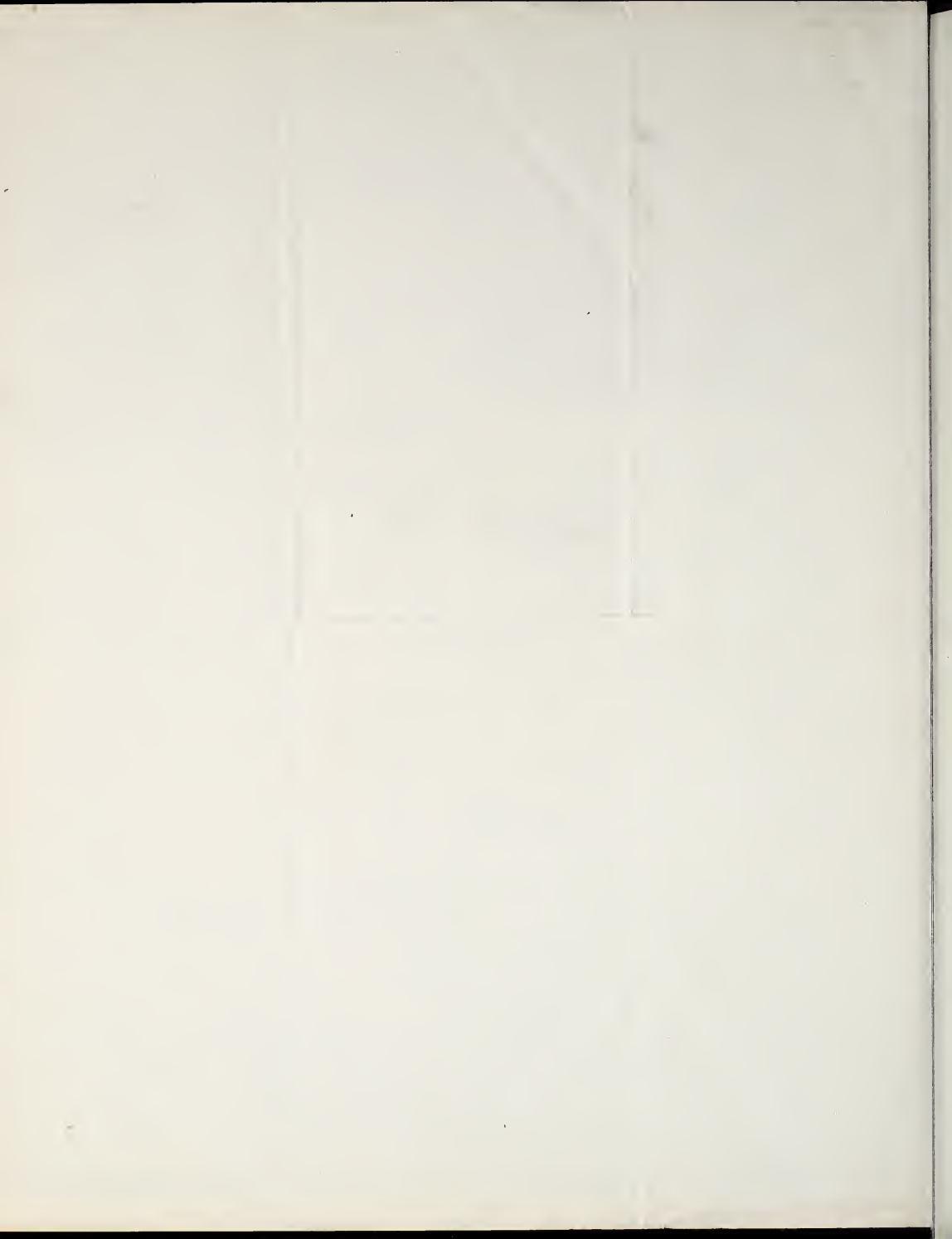
As to the price, I can only say that I have heard that it cost about \$3000.00 , but have no authority for that. I am sure that a personal letter to Mr. Groves, explaining your reasons for asking, would receive a courteous reply.

Will you be kind enough to return the booklet, in good condition when you are thro with it, as it is valued personal property, loaned us to send to you.

If you have any of your brochures for sale, we shall be glad to purchase one. Such information is of general interest. I hope this will prove of help to you.

Very truly yours,

Jessie A. McMurray
Assistant Librarian



Webster City High School

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Webster City, Iowa

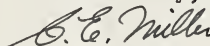
Nov. 20, 1930

Att. Ethel Henneford
The Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Madam:

In response to your recent request pertaining to Lincoln Statue located near our school, I suggest you get in touch with Mr. Annas, the photographer. He is a very good photographer and I am sure you will be satisfied with his work. We consider an honor in having this interest taken in our prize possession. If we can be of any further service to you, feel free to ask.

Yours truly,

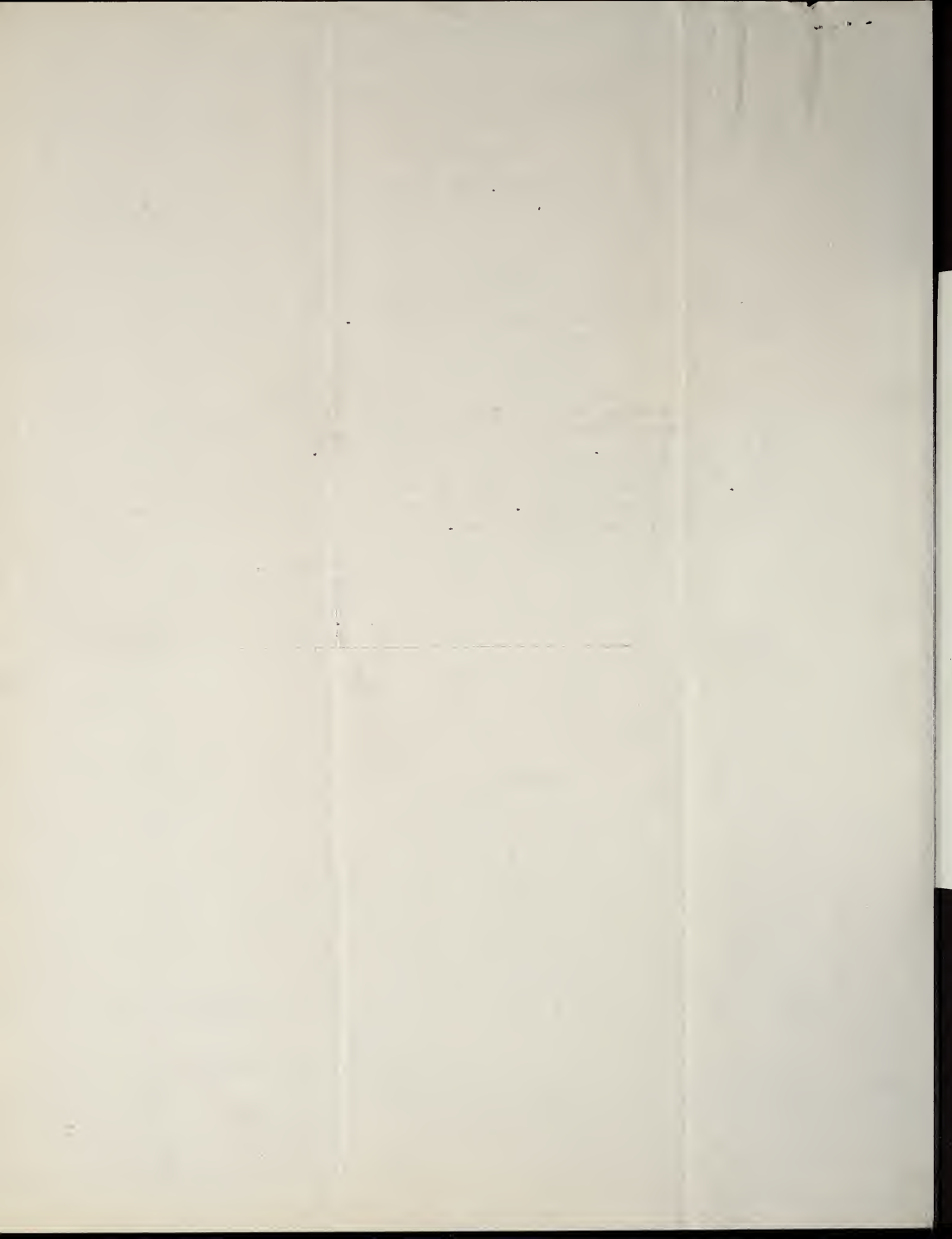


C. E. Miller
Principal

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Filed Dec 31-1930



**Annas
The Photographer**

716 DES MOINES STREET
WEBSTER CITY, IOWA

Jan, 2 1931

Ethel Henneford

Dear Madam

I am sending you , in seperate package, the photograph of the Licoln statue in the yard of the Webster City high school, as you requested.

I would like to know if this picture is satisfactory.

Resp.yours

Harry F. Annas

January 6, 1931

Harry F. Annas
The Photographer
716 Des Moines St.
Webster City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Annas:

I have received the picture of the Lincoln statue located in the yard of the Webster City high school, and wish to state that it is a very good photograph. One of the best that we have been able to obtain of any Lincoln statue so far.

Your remittance of \$4.50 is being mailed to you under separate cover, I believe.

Thank you very much for your trouble, and best wishes for the new year.

Sincerely,

Ass't. Dr.

WILLIAM HERRINGFORD

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LINCOLN—THE ORATOR

WEBSTER CITY, IOWA — SCULPTOR — GEORGE E. GANIERE

LINCOLN SHRINE
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